

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 20, line 9 with the following paragraph:

The tetrameric form of uricase (molecular weight ca. 140 kDa) was purified from a solution of porcine liver uricase by preparative size-exclusion or ion-exchange chromatography, followed by analytical size-exclusion chromatography. Porcine liver uricase was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, Mo., catalog No. ~~U2350~~ U3250 or U3377; or Boehringer Mannheim, Indianapolis, Ind.